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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Patrick NOLAN  
Title: BUCKLE ASSEMBLY  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: